

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, August 9, 2016
6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Jana called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Present: Jana McGee, Gwen White, Teddie Mower, Ethan Horvath, Ryan Conway

Regrets: Dave Rollo, Jessica Pittman, Rebecca Swanson, Molly O'Donnell, Bill Brown,

Staff: Jacqui Bauer, Scott Robinson, Nate Nickel

Public: Kevin Boardner

Public Comment:

Announcements:

The Hoosier to Hoosier Community Sale will take place on August 20. Volunteers are still needed. Jacqui will send a link to the volunteer sign up.

Approval of Minutes: There was not a quorum, so approval of the minutes has been postponed till next month.

Presentation on the draft comprehensive plan: Scott Robinson, City Planning & Transportation

The effort to develop an updated comprehensive plan started four years ago, but has been delayed for a number of reasons. The department is sharing the draft plan across the community and is seeking widespread public input. The last town hall meeting will be at the public library (Rm 1B) on September 15, 6-8pm. Commission members should provide their comments by mid-September. The draft plan is available at www.bloomington.in.gov/cmp; comments can be submitted by email, at a meeting, or via the UserVoice site. BCOS could also submit comments as a public body.

Planning staff will work with their consultant to incorporate public comment, and hope to share with the Plan Commission for approval by the end of the year. City Council would then be asked to approve the plan early in 2017.

The plan has gone through a number of iterations. It has narrowed slightly from a broad sustainability or comprehensive plan, but will be broader than the previous Growth Policies Plan. Jacqui noted that the current version of the goals includes development of a sustainability plan.

Is there still the potential to add more chapters if there are areas that are not well-represented, or that the public expresses interest in? Examples would include food and energy. Reviewers will consider these issues, and will take all comments into consideration in developing the final product.

The vision for the plan is that it will be a living document, and that it will be revisited and updated periodically. The hope is that there will not be as long of a delay between updates for this new plan.

Public comment: could someone receive the draft documents in the mail if they don't have access to a computer? Could the city designate an area for smaller golf-cart-type vehicles, perhaps near campus? The area could be maintained by the community, the carts could be powered using solar power.

Report from the Chair:

Jana mentioned the Sustainability Defined podcast, which she thought would be a worthwhile resource for commission members.

Report from the Sustainability Coordinator:

The AmeriCorps NCCC team is working very hard to support the Energy Challenge, and has already sealed and insulated about 15 homes. Next week, they will focus on supporting the H2H Sale.

The city's RentRocket project made it to the next round in MIT's Climate CoLab competition. The project is focused on providing better information in the rental housing market to improve both sustainability and affordability. Representatives from the project have been invited to attend the final meeting and presentation in September.

Committee reports and updates

1. Environmental Commission Planning Committee: no report
2. Environmental Commission: Gwen presented on the Global Reporting Initiative idea at the last meeting. The EC Water Committee will meet at 6:30am on August 10 at CloverLeaf restaurant.
3. Global Reporting Initiative effort: Jacqui noted that she would like to delay moving ahead on the GRI until there is more clarity on the sustainability planning process. Commission members can both support this through comments on the comprehensive plan and by commenting on the budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Next Meeting: September 13th, McCloskey Room, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.